

6+1 Traits Of Analytic Writing

Assessment Scoring Guide

(Rubric)



WOW!
Exceeds expectations.



5 STRONG
Shows control and skill in this trait;
many strengths present.



4 COMPETENT:
On balance, the strengths outweigh
the weaknesses; a small amount of
revision is needed.



3 DEVELOPING:
Strengths and need for revision are
about equal; about half-way home.



2 EMERGING:
Need for revision outweighs
strengths; isolated moments hint at
what the writer has in mind.



1 NOT YET:
A bare beginning; writer not yet
showing any control.

- IDEAS
- ORGANIZATION
- VOICE
- WORD CHOICE
- SENTENCE FLUENCY
- CONVENTIONS
- PRESENTATION



Expository Writing

Observing and Reporting

Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple."
C.W. Ceram

QUICK CHECK FOR THE WRITER

DID YOU...

- ◆ pull together enough information to write with confidence on your topic?
- ◆ dig for the unusual or hidden details not everybody would know?
- ◆ teach your reader something new?
- ◆ make everything clear and easy to understand?
- ◆ spend extra time on the MOST IMPORTANT points?
- ◆ explain any unusual words or terms?
- ◆ use Creative, interesting examples?
- ◆ tell a brief story if it would help make a point clear?
- ◆ think of what questions the reader might have—then try to answer them?

THINK OF THE READER AS YOUR STUDENT. DID YOU MAKE THINGS CLEAR? DID YOU KEEP IT INTERESTING SO YOUR READER WOULD NOT GET BORED AND WANDER OFF TO WATCH TELEVISION?

"To treat your facts with imagination is one thing; to imagine your facts is another."
John Burroughs

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Expository Writing: Observing and Reporting

- * INFORMS THE READER
- * BEYOND THE OBVIOUS
- * TELLS WHAT'S INTERESTING
- * ANTICIPATES READER'S QUESTIONS
- * THE INSIDER'S VIEW:
Writer knows his/her topic
- * ENLIGHTENS THE READER
New information
Clear explanations
Defines the fuzzy
- * IMPORTANT DETAILS
Add information
Support key points
Expand the big picture

Analytic
Assessment for
Revision and
Evaluation

Writing Process

Prewriting
Drafting
Revising
Editing
Publishing

Writing Workshop

Time
Choice
Response